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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re application: McDonough****Serial No.: 09/539,132****Filed: March 30, 2000**

**For: Mechanism and Business Method  
for Implementing a Service Contract  
Futures Exchange**

- Group Art Unit: 2164
- Examiner: Felton, D.
- Attorney Docket No.: CMCDO.00001
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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See MPEP 211.01  
Effective Preamble

Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary at this time other than those for additional claims. However, in the event that any fees are required for the prosecution of this application. No extension of time is believed to be necessary over the two-month extension requested. If, however, an extension of time is needed, the extension is requested and please charge any necessary please notify Applicant's representative at the address listed below for the deficit amount.

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 14, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows: